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Honorable Joseph L. Fisher
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Fisher:

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In response to your letter of 12 December which forwards an inquiry from your constituent, [redacted] concerning the personnel cuts in the Operations Directorate of the Central Intelligence Agency, I enclose a copy of my statement on this subject.

I hope you find this statement answers any questions you or your constituents have on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

Enclosure

P.S. It was very nice to see you at the Schlegers -

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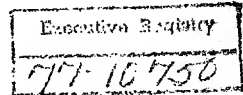
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December 12, 1977



Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Attached is a copy of correspondence which I just received from a constituent who is concerned about the reduction-in-force which currently being conducted in the Agency. I would certainly appreciate having your comments on the issues he raises as well as any other information which might be helpful in replying to him.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Fisher
Member of Congress

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December 6, 1977

Honorable Joseph Fisher
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Fisher:

Attached is a copy of my recent letter to the President, about the forthcoming reduction in force in CIA.

As a retired Federal employee, and a personnel expert, I feel very strongly about this matter. It seems to me that the government will lose a lot of its talent, at the same time that it presents some of its employees with personal hardships, and in addition, lowers the morale of the remaining employees.

I would appreciate your office looking into this matter, to assure that equity is achieved.

If you should care to discuss this matter with me in person,, I am available at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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December 6, 1977

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

If the story in last Sunday's Washington Post about the proposed reductions in the CIA is substantially accurate, then I am outraged by the callous personnel policy of that agency.

It seems to me that a Federal agency is summarily throwing out on the street capable and experienced personnel, without regard to how their talents can be used in other positions. Also, the personal hardships some of these employees may suffer as the result of the early terminations of their careers have not been considered. With long and productive service, they deserve much more consideration from their government.

I realize that these CIA positions may be exempt from the regular Federal civil service reduction-in-force system, and that the procedure being followed may be legal. Nevertheless, in my judgment, it is not equitable. When an individual is about to lose his job, equitable considerations should prevail.

The least CIA could do is to consider them for other continuing positions for which they are qualified, and which are either vacant or occupied by individuals with less Federal service. The Civil Service Commission, in addition, could work out a system which would give them priority consideration for vacancies in other Federal agencies.

I hope that your office will look into this matter, and that you will take steps to assure that these employees receive more equitable treatment.

I would appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Senator Harry Byrd
Congressman Joseph Fisher

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